Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 Dec 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 27 Dec 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 25 Dec 2023 at 17:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Tuesday and Wednesday. High for changeable and cold weather for the end of the week but low for daily detail.

Headline for Tuesday 26 Dec 2023: Mainly dry, bright and very cold. A few morning snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 26 Dec 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers	Sunny	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	20%	20%	20%	10%	00%	00%	00%

Forecast for Tuesday 26 Dec 2023

Weather: Cloud and outbreaks of snow soon clearing from the north in the early hours, then dry. Tuesday will be a mainly dry day with some weak winter sunshine, high cloud will spill northeast later and make for flat light conditions. A few light snow showers possible in the morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with great air clarity. Some patchy cloud between 800 and 1000 metres.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/29 N	25/29 NW	24/28 W	21/24 W	14/16 SW	10/11 S	10/13 E	17/22 SE	33/43 E
900	14/18 N	12/17 NW	13/18 W	11/15 W	8/11 W	5/7 W	10/12 E	17/23 SE	28/40 SE
600	14/17 NE	11/14 SW	14/17 SW	11/13 SW	8/11 SW	5/6 NW	9/12 NE	13/18 E	26/38 SE
300	8/11 N	5/7 NE	6/8 SW	6/8 SW	4/6 S	3/4 SE	3/5 NE	5/8 E	13/23 E
Glen	4/8 NW	5/10 W	4/8 W	3/6 W	2/4 W	2/3 N	4/8 NE	4/12 NE	11/20 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-15	-6/-15	-6/-15	-6/-14	-5/-12	-5/-11	-4/-10	-5/-12	-6/-16
900	-3/-10	-4/-10	-4/-10	-4/-9	-3/-8	-3/-6	-4/-10	-4/-12	-4/-14
600	-1/-7	-1/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	-0/-4	-0/-3	-1/-5	0/-5	1/-6
300	1/-3	1/-2	1/-2	1/-2	2/-0	2/0	0/-1	0/-2	1/-4
Glen	3/1	2/0	2/0	2/0	3/2	1/-0	1/-1	0/-2	2/-2
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	300m	400m	400m	400m	300m	200m	200m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Northwesterly winds will be strong at height first thing, and with low temperatures all day it will feel bitterly cold. Icy surfaces possible at lower elevations.

Forecast for Wednesday 27 Dec 2023

Weather: Widespread snow, heavy at times, will sweep northwards through the morning. Combined with easterly storm force winds this will lead to blizzard like conditions. Drier weather will spread northeast through the afternoon along with a few showers, but any snow confined to around 800 metres or so. A rise in freezing levels will lead to a thaw of some lying snow.

Maximum wind: Easterly 50 mph gust 70 mph in the morning, and possibly nearer to 90 mph across the higher tops of the Nevis ranges. Winds easing in the afternoon and veering southwesterly 30 mph gust 50 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Little chance for much of the day

Low Cloud and visibility: Very poor in snow, and in extensive low cloud down to 400 to 700 metres

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 rising to 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 2 rising to 2 Celsius, falling back to 0 Celsius later
Freezing level: 400 metres, rising to 1000 to 1500 metres for a time in the afternoon, falling back to 800 metres in the evening

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